



Reign of Christ Sunday

Gathering

Gathering Music “Pieces of Dreams” *Michel Legrand, Marilyn and Alan Bergman*
“The Gift of Love” *English Folk Melody and Hal Hopson*

Welcome

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God’s children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the back cover.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Let us gather in the presence of God.

People: In God’s presence we find the community we seek.

Leader: Come, then, as a new community, a family of God’s people,
and sing the praises of God’s holy name.

**People: Our voices shout out our praise to God
and our thankfulness of being once again
surrounded by our chosen family.**

Leader: The table is set, the family is gathered. Come! Let us worship God!

People: Amen! Let us worship God!

* Stand as you are able

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Creating and sustaining God,
your great commandment in Christ is that we love one another as Christ has loved us.
We confess that we fail to embrace your liberating love.
We divide where you would unite. We exclude where you would embrace.
We choke the breath from your Word when its truth does not accommodate our fears.
Forgive our hardness of heart. Mend our broken human family.
Breathe into us the living Word of all-inclusive love.
We ask in the name of your child, our brother, Jesus, the healer of our souls. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: We are invited to receive a love greater than we can understand.

Let us remember and share that love with one another in a greeting of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Song** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace" *Lucy Smith*

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 46 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth moves,
and though the mountains topple into the depths of the sea;
its waters rage and foam,
and mountains tremble at its tumult.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The God of Hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams gladden the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her; she shall not be overthrown;
the nations rage, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
The God of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The God of Hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: Come now and look upon the works of God,
what awesome things God has done on earth.
God makes war to cease in all the world;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
God of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The God of Hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:33–43 (*New Testament, page 83*)

Sermon *Nanette Sawyer*



Responding to the Word

***Musical Reflection**

Sharing of Gifts (*Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*)

Offertory Music “All Good Gifts” *Stephen Schwartz*

***Doxology** *Lucy Smith*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Communion

Communion Music "As Members of the Body" *Samuel S. Wesley*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Accept our gifts, O God, because we need to give.
Use our gifts to the greatest good they can accomplish
here in our midst and far beyond our individual reach.
We present them in thanksgiving for all you have given us
and in gratitude for the privilege of sharing in your work. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song.** "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Marcin Fahmy, piano

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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News and Opportunities

Thanksgiving

Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held this Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, LaSalle Street Church, Niagara Foundation, and Fourth Church will cohost.

A Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held on November 24 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Paid reservations (*required*) are available at www.bit.ly/TgvgDinner

Thanksgiving Day parking for the Thanksgiving Day worship service and dinner is available at a discounted rate at the 900 parking garage. Please note, however, that the discount rate will not be the Sunday morning rate but will be the \$17 holiday rate set by the garage. The \$17 vouchers can be purchased with cash or check at the church reception desk on Thanksgiving morning. There will then be no additional fee when validating your ticket at the garage upon exit.

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 24. Vicky Curtiss and Kent Organ will preach that day.

Music and the Arts

Today Bella Voce Choir and the Callipygian Players will perform Handel's *Messiah* at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door.

"Chicago Artists Interpret Shakespeare's Characters, Plays, and Sonnets" is on display in the Loggia.

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

"Candlelight Carols," a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place on Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.stcharlessingers.com

"A Chanticleer Christmas" concert will be held Tuesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org

Those who would like to receive *Music Notes*, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

As you begin to make your Christmas shopping list, let Fourth Church and Chicago Lights help you spread double the joy with your giving: "Light Up a Life" gifts—which are easy to place online at www.fourthchurch.org and perfect for all on your list—provide a meaningful gift for recipients and make a lasting difference in the lives of those served by Chicago Lights and Fourth Church.



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds, a weekly women's Bible study that uses a United Church of Christ lectionary-based curriculum, meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

The January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College will be shown via live Internet video feed on weekdays January 4–24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, visit www.calvin.edu/january

"The Music of Advent" class will be led by Carl Grapentine on Sunday, December 11 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Fellowship

Young Adults gather on Sundays for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. The group will partner with the Chicago Lights Associate Board for an Advent dinner and gingerbread-house-decorating contest on December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Knitting and Crocheting will next gather this Tuesday, November 22 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items, and to pick up material.

Cornerstones will gather for their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G and the Fourth Floor Lounge in the Gratz Center. RSVP (*required*) by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, November 30.

Worship

"Sacred Pause" is offered each Tuesday at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel. (Enter at 123 E. Delaware.) Hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and Tom Schemper, Vicky Curtiss, and Nanette Sawyer, this meditative time offers space for twenty minutes of silence.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

A family advent wreath workshop will be held Sunday, November 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

Mission and Outreach

An intergenerational mission trip to Havana, Cuba, will take place March 25–April 1, 2017. Register at www.bit.ly/HavanaCuba2017 by December 1.

Save the date for Gala of Hope: Friday, February 24, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. For details, call Andrea Miller

Shannon Kershner will be running the fortieth Chicago Marathon as part of Team Chicago Lights in October 2017, and we're hoping to recruit thirty-nine more runners to join her in helping support the community outreach work of Chicago Lights. Contact Kate Solis Silva at ksolis@chicagolights.org for details.

News and Resources

Twenty-six percent of the gifts pledged for 2016 remain outstanding as of the first week of November. To ensure the budgets of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights can be met, we are counting on those pledges being fully fulfilled by year end. If, due to circumstances, you anticipate being unable to fulfill your pledge, please let Andrea Miller know (amiller@fourthchurch.org) so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and access resources.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers to teach during 9:30 a.m. worship services

Shower Ministry Greeters to check in and provide supplies to guests of the Meals Ministry program; Tuesdays, 1:15–4:00 p.m.

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Greeters and ushers for worship services

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s seasonal clothes

Travel-size toiletry items

For details or to volunteer, email volunteerministry@fourthchurch.org, call 312.981.3382, or go online to www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

Advent

“Managing Grief through the Holidays” will be offered by the Replogle Center on Mondays, November 21–December 12. To register (required), call 312.787.8425.

Join the Advent Photo-a-Day Challenge beginning November 27. For details see www.fourthchurch.org/advent-photo

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Advent and Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks. Completed forms must be returned by Sunday, December 11 for names to appear in the bulletin.

The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room. Volunteers are needed that Friday–Sunday; to help, contact Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are needed to help collect and wrap gifts. To help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be read aloud during this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. There is also an area in the left-side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin for children, are available from a greeter.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/index.html.

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Monday, December 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org) or go to www.fourthchurch.org.

Information about opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested in considering baptism or membership at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Church, please contact Hardy Kim (hkim@fourthchurch.org) or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on November 27 or December 25.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

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